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1. Harriman and Douglas voice concern over delay in MAP--  
US Ambassadors Harriman and Douglas in London express their deep concern over reports that the US Congress will delay consideration of the Military Aid Program until the next session. Harriman and Douglas point out the seriously adverse effects of such a delay would be to: (a) create suspicions in Western Europe that the US is lukewarm in its determination to give effective support to the Atlantic Pact; (b) resurrect doubts about the dependability of US foreign policy and encourage groups favoring appeasement of the USSR; and (c) revive old fears that the US does not intend to help defend Europe but only to accept the necessity of liberating it again. Harriman and Douglas believe that such delay would result in loss of the momentum created in Europe by past US efforts and would bring on retrogression which would be immensely costly to reverse. The ambassadors urgently recommend that every effort be made to secure passage of the MAP legislation at the earliest possible time.

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Meanwhile, US Ambassador Bruce in Paris indicates that Premier Queuille and Foreign Minister Schuman are disturbed over the decision of Congress not to give first priority to the Atlantic Pact and by reports that MAP may not be dealt with during the present session. Bruce declares that only affirmative action on the Pact and MAP will really allay French fears.

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